

August 10, 1954

EXECUTIVE ORDER

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PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PAYMENT OF
GENERAL AVERAGE CONTRIBUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN HOUSEHOLD GOODS OF MILITARY
AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES

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By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 4 of the act of June 4, 1954, 68 Stat. 175, I hereby prescribe the following regulations governing the payments authorized by said section of the act:

SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in these regulations:

(a) "Military personnel" means members and deceased members of the uniformed services as defined in section 102 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, 63 Stat. 804.

(b) "Civilian employees" means civilian officers and employees of a department, including foreign service personnel, and former and deceased civilian officers and employees.

(c) The terms "military personnel" and "civilian employees" shall also include those individuals enumerated under the term "person" as defined in the Missing Persons Act, 50 U. S. C. App. 1001.

(d) "Department" means an executive department, independent establishment or other agency of the Federal Government, including wholly-owned or controlled Government corporations.

(e) "General average contributions" means the contribution by all parties to a sea adventure (1) to make good the loss sustained by one of their number on account of voluntary sacrifices made of part of the ship or cargo to save the residue or the lives of those on board from impending peril or (2) for extraordinary expenses necessarily incurred for the common benefit and safety of all.

(f) "Household goods" means such baggage, household goods and effects, including professional books, papers, and equipment, of military personnel and civilian employees as are authorized to be transported at Government expense by law or regulation pursuant to law, but shall not be construed to include personally or privately owned automobiles.

SECTION 2. Allowance of general average contributions. Whenever military personnel or civilian employees of a department are liable for general average contributions arising out of the shipments of household goods authorized or approved under law or regulations pursuant to law, disbursements shall be made, under rules and regulations prescribed by the head of the department concerned, from appropriations chargeable for transportation of household goods^a (2) for the payment of the general average contributions for which such military personnel or civilian employees are liable or (b) for the reimbursement of such military personnel or civilian employees in the amounts of their general average liability paid by them and for which receipts are furnished, subject to the limitations set forth in section 3.

SECTION 3. Limitations. The provisions of section 2 shall not apply:

(a) To the quantity of household goods shipped in excess of limitations applicable under law or regulation pursuant to law, or

(b) Where the shipment of household goods is made under law or regulation pursuant to law which provides for reimbursement to the

military person or civilian employee on a commuted basis in lieu of the Government paying the actual costs of the shipment, or

(c) Where the military person or civilian employee himself selected the means of shipment.

SECTION 4. Effective date. This order shall be effective in any case in which the loss, out of which the general average liability of the military person or civilian employee arose, occurred on or after June 4, 1954.

THE WHITE HOUSE